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Tier 2 Consultation Meeting Minutes

February 26th, 2010

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

DuPage County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Participants: Patricia Berry CMAP

Bill Brown NIRPC (via telephone)

Bob Dean CMAP
John Donovan FHWA
Michael Leslie USEPA
Ross Patronsky CMAP
Russell Pietrowiak CMAP
Mark Pitstick RTA

Mike Rogers IEPA (via telephone)

Susan Stitt IDOT/OP&P

David Werner FTA

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

10:00 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2009 and December 17th, 2009

The draft minutes from the September 25th, 2009 and December 17th, 2009 meeting were approved.

4.0 State Implementation Plans

Mr. Leslie stated that the Illinois 8-hour ozone Maintenance Plan SIP submittals had some missing elements and that the SIP had not yet been approved. It was also noted that it was unlikely that there would be additional notice for the comment period on the adequacy of the budgets in the re-designation request. The budgets were posted for a comment period ending March 26. Once those budgets are found adequate they can be used for conformity. Mr. Patronsky noted that the budget table in the maintenance SIP has values for 2013 and 2020. He asked if the budget for 2013 will need to be used, or if 2020 is the only budget to use. It was explained by Mr. Leslie that 2013 is just an internal test to make sure that half way through the ten-year maintenance period the region would still be attaining the

standard. Mr. Patronsky said 2013 would be a difficult year for CMAP to analyze and asked if the region was alright for ozone attainment. The response was that the region was alright and had a clean data finding for the PM_{2.5} air quality standard in September. This finding waives sanctions if a fine particulate matter SIP is not submitted. Transportation conformity requirements still apply and it is appropriate to continue using the less-than-baseline test. Mr. Rogers said the state is still developing a PM_{2.5} Maintenance Plan SIP which would include new conformity budgets and should have something by late spring, but an attainment demonstration would not be developed.

It was also stated the State's VOC RACT rulemaking needs to be completed, before USEPA can fully approve the 8-hour ozone Maintenance Plan.

Mr. Patronsky asked if NIRPC is doing any PM SIP submissions. Mr. Brown stated that a maintenance SIP for PM_{2.5} was submitted in April 2008 and they have draft budgets. Two separate findings may occur if NIRPC is done first, but the USEPA will double check on this issue. The analysis year is 2020 and data from the Illinois side is still needed. The Illinois maintenance SIP for PM_{2.5} will not be done until late spring; IEPA's focus at this time is on the Metro East area. Mr. Patronsky asked whether IEPA had started on PM_{2.5} inventories yet. Mr. Rogers said the IEPA will need to convert from Mobile 6.2 to MOVES and are in need of some guidance from USEPA on which model to use. IEPA is still in the process of getting comfortable with the MOVES model.

5.0 Semi-Annual RTP/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment

Mr. Patronsky reported that no comments were received on the Semi-Annual RTP/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment. It is expected to be recommended to the MPO Policy committee and CMAP Board at their March meetings. After the approval the TIP map will be updated to reflect the TIP changes. The next conformity will be submitted to the Policy Committee and CMAP Board on October 11, 2010 when the *GO TO 2040* plan and the FY 10-15 TIP are to be considered for approval.

6.0 GO TO 2040

It was stated that the analysis years for *GO TO 2040* and the FY 10-15 TIP will be 2016, 2020, 2030, and 2040. All agreed. Mr. Dean reported that \$385 billion is expected to be available for transportation projects through 2040. Of that, \$350 billion are core revenues with an additional \$35 billion that can be reasonably expected. Nearly all of the money would go towards maintenance of the existing system and to move the system closer to a state of good repair. Mr. Donovan asked about congestion pricing in the *GO TO 2040* plan. Mr. Dean replied that about 20% of the major roadways would be subject to some form of congestion pricing, which is estimated to yield amount \$16 billion in revenues. It was reconfirmed that any new capital projects would need to be fiscally constrained. Mr. Dean went on to say that it is anticipated that CMAP staff will be talking to major stakeholders regarding the major capital projects in March and April and the *GO TO 2040* plan

will likely be released in June for public comment throughout the summer, in combination with the TIP. The public comment period will be longer than that required by federal regulations.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Consultation team was left on call.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Tier II Consultation Team Members:

	CMAP	FHWA	FTA	IDOT
	IEPA	RTA	USEPA	